

Washington, D.C. – Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6) today joined a majority in the House of Representatives in support of critical legislation to create and save 3.5 million American jobs that will be signed into law next week. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was approved by a vote of 246-183. President Obama's job creation package, passed by Congress, will invest quickly in the economy and rebuild America, make us more globally competitive and energy independent, and transform our economy for long-term growth. In addition, it will give 95 percent of American workers an immediate tax cut.

"This is one of the biggest tax cuts ever," Wilson said. "That's an important step in President Obama's historic plan to start to get the American economy back on track."

America faces the worst economic crisis since The Great Depression. Currently the economy is shedding 10,000 – 20,000 jobs per day.

"Our choice was action vs. inaction. I voted for action," Wilson said. "Who would stand by and do nothing while their community, their country falls off a cliff?"

This jobs and economic recovery plan contains strategic efforts:

- Creating or saving 133,000 jobs here in Ohio over the next two years;
- Providing a Making Work Pay tax cut of up to \$800 for 4,530,000 Ohio workers and their families, designed to start paying out immediately into workers' paychecks, as well as tax cuts to spur businesses large and small;
- Transforming Our Economy With Clean, Efficient, American Energy and Innovation and Technology that will create more than 1 million jobs;
- Lowering Health Care Costs and improving care by computerizing medical records, which will create hundreds of thousands of jobs, and helping those who cannot afford health care in these tough times;
- Modernizing Roads and Bridges to create jobs with an extra \$935,677,030 in Ohio, the boldest investment in infrastructure since the creation of the interstate highway system a half century ago;
- Education for the 21st Century, modernizing schools and making college more affordable with improved Pell Grants for the 268,804 Pell Grant recipients in Ohio and a higher education tax credit for 128,000 students in our state;
- Helping Workers Hurt by the Economy, including seniors, Ohioans who've lost their healthcare and the 464,800 Ohioans currently out of work;
- Saving the Jobs of teachers, police officers, health care workers, and protecting the vital

services they provide;

- Extending broadband services to underserved communities across the country, so that rural businesses can compete with any company in the world. For every dollar invested in broadband, the economy sees a ten-fold return on that investment; and
- Unprecedented accountability and transparency measures will ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and effectively—including no earmarked projects and a new recovery.gov website that will allow Americans to track each investment.

“This is an investment in change,” Wilson said. “I firmly believe today’s vote is a victory for our country, for our economy and for our rural Ohio communities that, in particular, have been hurting for so long.”

Ohio’s Sixth Congressional District includes part of all of Mahoning, Columbiana, Jefferson, Belmont, Monroe, Noble, Washington, Athens, Meigs, Gallia, Lawrence and Scioto counties.

Congressman Wilson has represented Ohio’s Sixth District since 2007. He is working to restore the economy, achieve energy independence, and ensure the inclusion of rural America as our country’s healthcare system is reformed.